

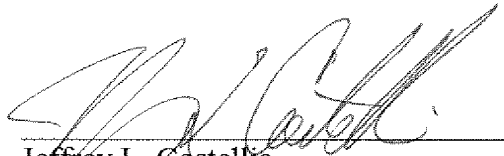
REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed October 31, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the instant application be further amended as provided above. For the reasons advanced in the Amendment filed October 31, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15-17, 20-35 and 37-65 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 8, 24, 60 and 61 are further amended, and claims 35, 42, 64 and 65 are canceled herein. Consequently, claims 8, 17, 22-24, 28-30, 40, 41, 47, 51-56, 60-63 and 68-85 are currently pending in the instant application.

If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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